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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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STAFFDEL SMIROLDO

EO. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (SMIROLDO, VICTOR C.)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL SMIROLDO

REF: STATE 216867 AND ANKARA'S 4902

1. DEPARTMENT READ ENTIRE CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO SMIROLDO WHO STATED THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFFDEL FULLY AWARE OF SITUATION IN TURKEY REGARDING APO, AND OF GOT SENSITIVITIES. HE STATED THAT STAFFDEL HAS EVERY INTENTION OF BEING DISCREET AND KEEPING VISIT LOW KEY.

2. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT ARE AS STATED IN STATE REF. THE MILITARY IS ORGANIZING MOST OF THE TRIP AND IS SENDING A SEPTEL WITH MORE DETAILS.

3. CONGEN ISTANBUL IS REQUESTED TO SET UP A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20 IN THE AFTERNOON WITH THE PANAM REPRESENTATIVE THERE. SMIROLDO HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS WITH PANAM

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OFFICIALS HERE WHO HAVE ASSURED HIM THAT REP WILL BE

AVAILABLE.

4. EMBASSY ANKARA IS REQUESTED TO SET UP MEETING WITH U.S. EMBASSY AND MILITARY APO REPS EARLY AFTERNOON OF SEPT 22. STAFFDEL WILL FLY BACK TO ISTANBUL AFTER MEETING.

5. ITINERARY FOLLOWS: (MILITARY CABLE WILL CONTAIN MORE DETAILS)

SEPT 18: ARRIVE 1655 VIA SAS 821. PLEASE MEET, ASSIST AND DISBURSE SIX DAYS PER DIEM TO EACH MEMBER.

SEPT 19: NO PROGRAM

SEPT 20: A.M. MEETINGS WITH MILITARY
----- P.M. MEETING WITH PANAM REP AND U.S. POSTAL PERSONNEL. WILL DISCUSS DECISION BY U.S.P.S. TO DISCONTINUE BREAKDOWN OF MAIL TO UNITS AT NYC-PCC AND BEGIN BREAKDOWN ONLY TO APO'S AND ALSO CONCERNING MAIL DELAYS DUE TO AIRLINE SCHEDULE CHANGES.

SEPT 21: FLY MILAIR TO IZMIR. MEETINGS AND HOTEL ARRANGED BY MILITARY.

SEPT 22: FLY TO ANKARA. MEETING WITH EMBASSY AND MILITARY IN P.M. RETURN MILAIR TO ISTANBUL.

SEPT 23: DEPART ISTANBUL 1445 VIA KLM 516. KISSINGER

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